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SUBJECT: ZAIRE, BURUNDI, RWANDAN TRIPARTITE RELATIONS

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1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, NEW REGIME IN BURUNDI PLANNING TO DISPATCH SPECIAL DELEGATION TO ZAIRE TO MEET WITH MOBUTU. IN YOUR NEXT MEETING WITH MOBUTU OR NGUZA, YOU SHOULD SOLICIT THEIR EVALUATION OF NEW REGIME AND EXPLORE DISCREETLY WHAT THEY BELIEVE ZAIRE CAN DO TO ENCOURAGE MODERATE TENDENCIES IN FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICY, AS REPORTED BY EMBASSY BUJUMBURA. YOU SHOULD BE NONCOMMITTAL BUT INTERESTED IF THE OFFICIALS SUGGESTS WAYS IN WHICH OUR TWO COUNTRIES COULD WORK TOGETHER TO PROMOTE MORE MODERATE ORIENTATION IN BURUNDI.

2. COMMENT: IN THEORY, AT LEAST, THREE LAKES RELATIONSHIP
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OR BILATERAL ZAIRE/BURUNDI TIES COULD PROVIDE

CONSTRUCTIVE CHANNEL FOR INFLUENCE. WE WONDER WHETHER THERE
ARE STEPS WHICH COULD BE TAKEN AT THIS TIME TO AFFECT
FUTURE TRENDS IN BURUNDI, RECOGNIZING THIS IS NO TIME
FOR CLUMSY INTERVENTION.

3. REACTIONS FROM ALL ADDRESSEES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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